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As of Wednesday, the turbidity level situation with Del Rio's water supply was not resolved.

Free water will be available at the following locations until the problem is resolved:

- Laughlin fire department from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Sunday for base employees and housing residents
- At the base exchange from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday for base employees and housing residents
- At building 255 for dorm residents

An explanation of turbidity, as well as updates on turbidity levels in Del Rio's water supply, are available at www.cityofdelrio.com. Updates are also available on the Laughlin information line at 298-5201 or on the Commander's Access Channel (base cable channel 34).

Air Power

Quote of the Week

"Without a reasonable degree of air superiority, no air force can effectively assist land or sea forces or strike at the enemy's war potential."

—Lord Tedder

Security forces duo helps protect America

By Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Editor

On Sept. 11, and several days following, a Laughlin service member and his partner were busy protecting the United States and its executive leadership.

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Howells, 47th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, and his dog, Robby, were at an American embassy in Lima, Peru, providing security to Secretary of State Colin Powell when the terrorists attacked the U.S.

"I was there for the Conference of the Americas, doing bomb sweeps for the secretary," said Howells. "I was having a great time doing my job, then everything happened."

Shortly after the attacks, five city blocks surrounding the embassy were locked down. Soon after, Powell was on a plane back to the states and a C-130 arrived to fly Howells and several others out of Peru.

"We were [on] one of the few planes in the air on the 11th," said Howells. "We landed in Columbia and left there for Andrews Air Force Base two days later."

Howells arrived Sept. 13 at Andrews AFB in Washington, D.C. From there, he went to the

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Howells, 47th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler and his new partner, Shasta, perform a security sweep at the 47th Flying Training Wing headquarters building.

Base airman pleads guilty at court-martial

By Capt. Chad Diederich

47th Flying Training Wing deputy staff judge advocate

An airman assigned to the 86th Flying Training Squadron plead guilty Nov. 15 to one charge and two specifications of violating Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice in a general court-martial.

A military judge found the airman guilty of wrongful uses of hallucinogenic mushrooms and distribution of hallucinogenic mushrooms. The judge sentenced her to a bad conduct discharge, six months confinement and reduction to airman basic. As a result of the sentence, she also received total forfeitures of all pay and benefits.

The airman's hallucinogenic mushroom uses were discovered through a tip made to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. The airman admitted to the mili-

tary judge that she used the mushrooms on two separate occasions. On one occasion, she used the mushrooms in the Laughlin enlisted dormitory. She also admitted to helping her fiancé obtain some of the hallucinogenic mushrooms by putting him in contact with a supplier and transferring money between the two of them.

After the sentence was imposed, the airman was escorted to Wackenhut Confinement Facility in Del Rio to begin serving her six-month confinement. She will be transferred to Lackland Confinement Facility to serve the remainder of her sentence.

Unless she waives her right to appeal, her case will be reviewed by the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals in Washington D.C.



Commanders' Corner

By Nick Campiglia

47th Services Division chief

Services ready for holiday season

The holiday season is upon us. During the holidays the 47th Services Division takes on an even more active role in the Laughlin community. We provide facilities for organizations to enjoy their holiday parties, offer numerous activities for the youth and provide opportunities and activities for hobbyists so they can make that special gift for those special persons in their lives.

Within the services realm we have a saying: "We work so that others may play."

On the larger scale, services people provide activities, programs and opportunities for base personnel to improve their morale and that of their families.

In this way, we are the silent as-

sistants to spread cheer to individuals and families, especially if a family member is deployed.

Here at Laughlin we have many airmen, officers and new families in their first experience away from home or college. While most of the Laughlin community will leave and return home during the holidays, some will remain here.

This year we will keep open many of our services activities that were normally closed in the past. Although most of our activities will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day, this year we will make every effort to open many of our facilities during the holiday period.

We offer many programs for

families and children as well as many ways for individuals to volunteer their time.

At the Child Development Center and Youth Center you can lend your talents as a musician, read to the children, accompany them on field trips and assist in preparing or lending a hand in making crafts. In other activities, volunteers are appreciated to extend the ability of assigned staff to offer quality programs to the community.

During this holiday season, I would challenge everyone to take a few minutes from their busy schedules and look at their immediate environment, fellow workers and families.

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Top Three Talk



By Master Sgt. Daniel Jimenez

47th Communications Squadron maintenance support NCOIC

Air Force helps make goals possible

After talking to my recruiter on numerous occasions and assessing all the benefits the Air Force had to offer versus my civilian employment opportunities, I made the decision in November 1982 to join under the delayed enlistment program. After coming in active duty the following summer, my intentions were set in stone to make the Air Force a 20-year career.

Two significant items motivated this career decision: an opportunity to acquire in-depth job skill training in the area of electronics and the opportunities for academic advancement.

My career as a radio maintenance technician has taken me to assignments in Texas, Korea and Japan.

Following overseas duties, I returned to Texas with an assignment

at Goodfellow Air Force Base and then to Laughlin to fill the position as chief of maintenance support within the 47th Communications Squadron.

Reflecting back on my career as I approach retirement eligibility in less than 18 months, I can say with certainty that I've met most of my objectives and goals.

My early career passion to learn and acquire electronic skills was achieved in my first six years of duty.

As for my long-term educational goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree prior to retirement, it was realized back in 1996 when I was given the opportunity to go bootstrap for a full year.

Since that time, I was able to realize additional achievements, cour-

tesy of the Air Force educational benefits program. I recently passed the necessary requirements for Cisco network certification and I'm currently enrolled in a graduate-level program from the University of Maryland and on a three-tier network certification program through a local junior college.

It's evident the Air Force has been very beneficial to my personal needs and goals. I feel much gratification to the Air Force and its people that allowed me to prosper.

As my parents (the two most influential individuals in my life) instilled in me in early in life, "If you benefited from someone or something, you need to give back equally." To

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"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."

– 47th FTW motto

FPCON Bravo

Laughlin is currently in Force Protection Condition Bravo. All people should remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to security forces at 298-5100.

Community Update

XL Fitness Center hours

Due to safety concerns, the XL Fitness Center is not open 24 hours; however, there is a fitness center annex at Fairchild Air Force Base that is open 24 hours a day (although this service has been suspended since Sept. 11). The annex has cardio equipment but no free weights, and security forces makes random safety checks throughout the night.

As for Fairchild's main fitness center, its hours are comparable to the hours for the XL Fitness Center. Fairchild's main fitness center is open Mondays to Fridays 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; the XL Fitness Center is open Mondays to Thursdays 5 a.m. to midnight; Fridays 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and weekends 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Programs for children 5 and under and teenagers

The 47th Services Division is currently researching more programs for these age groups, including the following:

- Playing age-specific movies at the base theater, such as Cinderella, etc., for children 5 and under.
- Two annual base gatherings or events the entire family can attend. For example, in the winter,

a horsedrawn hayride on base that takes everyone to a bonfire for food and fun; in the summer, a wingwide pontoon party at Lake Amistad.

- As a reminder, paintball is a new base event that many teens might enjoy. Paintball is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for ages 12 and over.

Publicity for Services events

The 47th Services Division is developing a Web site that will be updated frequently with Services activities. A link to the site will also be added to the Laughlin home page for easy access.

Services has one full page in the Border

Eagle every week and two full pages once a month listing upcoming Services activities. The marquee near the west gate and the one located near the center of the base also publicize upcoming Services activities.

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Then ask if there might be something else they could do to make this holiday season even more special.

Commanders and supervisors should be sensitive and conscious of family separations, individuals in the dormitory and any changes in the attitudes of our work force. The key is to, in some way, get involved as a participant or a volunteer.

Another concern during the holiday period is the potential for

increased cases of child abuse. Everyone should be cognizant of child abuse. This can be verbal, physical or psychological.

Children's play is their work. They learn and grow based upon their experiences. It is our responsibility to create positive experiences so they can develop into responsible adults. Even under the current situations within America, our children can attain the coping skills they need to be our future nurturing adults. So this holiday season, please take the time to share a portion of

your time with our children.

There are many sets of parents on Laughlin, but we are one extended family. It is for this reason that we take extra care to ensure the Laughlin family is taken care of during this holiday season.

We in the Services Division wish you the best for the holiday and the new year. Thank you for your participation over the last year and we look forward to seeing you in our activities during the holiday season and the next year.

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this end, I try daily to help other Air Force members achieve their goals and recognize those who do good work.

As for the young individuals at the crossroads to stay in the Air Force or and move back to the civilian world, I suggest contemplating two things.

First, to weigh the pros and cons, talk to more senior military folks for advice. Secondly, obtain from the base career adviser his helpful cost/benefits analysis sheet, which compares Air Force versus civilian benefits. Make your decision based on facts and sound advice and ensure the temptation and allure of an attractive civilian job offer is as good as it sounds.

Actionline 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.



Rick Rosborg
Col. Rick Rosborg
47th FTW commander

T-ball trouble

Question: I was assigned the base T-Ball field for our youth soccer team to play on. The field is in pretty weathered condition with ground squirrel holes that the children have fallen into during soccer practice. The parents and I are concerned for their children's safety while playing soccer. Plus, can the field be watered on a regular basis, so the grass will grow?

AnsWER: Prior to practices, coaches are requested to do a walk-through safety check and notify the youth sports director of any safety hazards or work that needs accomplished. Holes in the outfield of the T-ball and Little League fields are filled in by the youth center staff and volunteer coaches; however, because of the numerous ground squirrels in the area, holes are a continuing problem. We are working with Entomology to come up with a solution to this. In the meantime, we will pay closer attention to the fields. As far as watering the fields, the contractors are required to water the fields from March to Oct. 15, so we are now in the off season. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the youth sports director or youth director at 298-5343.

Airmanship

Intended to help all airmen articulate the Air Force's vision of aerospace power

What is space power?

Much like air power, space power is, in essence, the ability to use spacecraft to create military and political effects. Another way of defining it is "military power that comes from, resides in, or moves through space while performing its mission."



Please don't forget to recycle this newspaper.



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State Department where he was debriefed and informed of his duties.

Howells was put on verbal orders to report to Camp David. His orders were to send Robby after anyone who might try to gain access to Camp David. But that didn't mean Robby would do all the work on the trip. Every morning at 5 a.m., Robby and Howells, along with armored Suburbans and several Secret Service agents, would jog with President Bush.

"My job there was strictly to send the dog after anyone who might try to breach the perimeter fence," he said. "This isn't normal, but because of the situation they weren't taking any chances. And Robby is also an attack dog."

Howells performed these duties until Sept. 17, the day after commercial flights resumed in the U.S., when he was permitted to return to Laughlin. He was scheduled to fly coach, but the pilots and crew had other plans for Howells and his partner.

"I was first onboard the plane

because of Robby," Howells explained. "I was flying coach, but they bumped me up to first class because the pilots and flight attendant wanted me and the dog up by the cockpit."

Howells said the experience made an indelible mark in his mind.

"I was having a great time in Peru," he said. "Then everything was strictly business. I kept thinking how it looked like a movie, but when I arrived in D.C., [I saw that] TV doesn't do it justice. I saw [the Pentagon] a day and a half after [the terrorist attacks] happened and it was still smoking."

Howells said that Robby performed well, aside from one small incident in Columbia.

"He tore the curtains down from a hotel room window in Columbia," Howells said smiling.

Howells, who has worked with Robby for quite some time, said he is happy with the way his partner handled the situation, as well as the overall job he does most of the time.

"I've worked with Robby for 2 1/2 years," said Howells. "He does well."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Breaking ground

(From left) Richard Fry, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron chief engineer; Royce Summers, Corps of Engineers instruction representative; Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander; and Lt. Col. Michael Blaylock, 47th CES Commander; break ground for the future Laughlin visitor quarters in the lot next to the Base Exchange Tuesday. The new visitor quarters will cost around \$8,929,000 and include 96 units, an 80-vehicle parking lot, a laundry facility and full data and telephone connections. The estimated time of completion for the project is Nov. 1.

Information line activated

Laughlin's information line number is 298-5201. People can call this number to find out important information about what's going on at Laughlin (such as weather warnings and Force Protection Conditions).

Charitable auction set

The Officers Spouses Club Charitable Auction and Social is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Nov. 30 in the Club XL ballroom. Everyone is invited. Proceeds garnered from items bid on will go toward scholarships and to support local organizations.

For more information, call Elizabeth McCurdy at 298-7728 or 774-8616.

TSP open season begins

The TSP Open Season is an opportunity for civilian employees who are not enrolled to enroll, and for those who are enrolled to change the amount of contributions to their TSP accounts.

From now through Jan. 31, you can enroll or change your contribution amount by completing your election in the BEST-automated systems. You can access the phone system by calling

Newsline

(800) 997-2378. Changes made during this period will become effective on the first day of the first pay period in January.

For additional information, log on to www.tsp.gov or call Joni M. Jordan at 298-5914.

Holiday lighting restricted

Modest exterior Christmas lighting is authorized in base housing. Miniature lights are encouraged to conserve electricity. Lights may be in operation from dark to 11 p.m. during December and must be removed by Jan. 12.

Residents cannot penetrate the exterior vinyl siding when installing lights, as they will be held responsible for damages. There are commercial hooks available locally to attach to rain gutters. Floodlights and rooftop displays are not authorized. All exterior lights and extension cords must be UL approved, which means they should bear the appropriate UL or Mutual Engineering Association label.

For more information, call Al Wehr at 298-4198 or Denise Pace at 298-5003.

Cookie Caper scheduled

Beginning Dec. 2 cookies will be accepted for Laughlin's "Cookie Caper." This is a basewide program whose purpose is to deliver cookies to single airmen in the dorms and Laughlin Manor, Reservists on temporary duty here, and family members of deployed people.

The cookies may be dropped off at 9018, 9019 or 9020 Arnold Street. Brown bags will be filled with cookies starting at 9 a.m. Dec. 7 at the Chapel Fellowship Hall and delivered the same day beginning at 1 p.m.

If you would like to help assemble the bags or would like more information, call Elizabeth Rosborg at 298-8800.

Christmas party scheduled

A children's Christmas party sponsored by the 47th Operations Group is scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 2 at Anderson Hall, formerly the Operations Training Complex.

An appearance by Santa, a magician and music and crafts will be on hand for the children to enjoy. The event is open for all Laughlin children.

For more information, call Suzanne Luiken at 298-2238 or Joline Davidson at 298-3177.

Airmen complete two-week beginners' course

Compiled from staff reports

Twenty new airmen graduated from Laughlin's First-Term Airmen Center in a ceremony at the Enlisted Heritage Hall Monday.

The two-week course is de-

signed to transition first-term, first-duty-station airmen from training to a mission-oriented environment, said Master Sgt. Joseph Baker, Family Support Center superintendent and FTAC coordinator.

"FTAC provides a means of in-processing airmen with a solid foun-

dation of base and [auxiliary] training programs and briefing in order to prepare them to become mission-ready airman in a minimum amount of time," said Baker.

This is accomplished by reinforcing military lessons first-term airmen learn and experience in basic military and

technical training through briefings covering various topics such as financial planning and Air Force benefits.

Airmen also learned about many services available to them.

"They become very familiar with services and organizations available," said Baker.



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Laughlin receives recycling honors

By Olga Purpura-Clark

AETC Public Affairs

Laughlin Air Force Base was one of three Air Education and Training Command bases that finished in the top 10 best recycling programs in Texas in fiscal year 2001, according to a Central Texas Recycling Association report.

Lackland AFB recycled two million tons and earned more than \$97,000 to lead a 46-member recycling co-operative group that represents more than 500 public, private and nonprofit entities.

Randolph AFB finished second by recycling 1.8 million tons and earning more than \$76,000.

Laughlin AFB, one of the smaller bases, finished in seventh place by recycling more than 300 tons and earning \$12,000 in revenues.

"Overall, these bases recycled 47 percent of the material tracked by the CTRA and earned 43 percent of the revenues," said Michael Redfern, AETC recycling program manager. "Sounds impressive? These numbers only include materials processed through CTRA. It doesn't include 10 million pounds of scrap metal and pallets processed through the Defense Reutilization and Marketing

Office and other direct buyers."

Redfern also said an additional 16 billion pounds of cooked grease, old fuel, aircraft tires and other products were returned to vendors for recycling.

"These bases prove the co-op program works, and we're eager to enlist more installations into joining CTRA," said Redfern.

AETC was the first federal agency in 2000 to enter into a co-op partnership managed by CTRA, the only nonprofit co-op recycling marketing group in the nation.

"It works on the same concept of a farmer's co-op group," said Redfern. "Ten small farmers' crops are more attractive to a big buyer than one small crop. It's more cost-effective to ship, and the buyers can anticipate a steady quantity on a regular basis."

CTRA sells the materials and negotiates prices directly with manufacturers who convert the materials into usable products.

"It just makes good business sense and saves agencies hundreds of hours of work negotiating individual sales agreements with multiple buyers," he said. "Before the partnership, we couldn't find buyers to



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Chris Bejarano, Goodwill Industries recycling attendant, transfers paper from a recycling bin to a rolling cart to transport it to the base recycling yard.

pay market value for recyclable items. We gave many materials away just to keep them out of the landfills and avoid disposal costs of \$48 per ton."

Redfern said Altus AFB, Okla., is joining the co-op and will be CTRA's first out-of-state member. Other Department of Defense instal-

lations in North Carolina and California are on the verge of joining, pending approval from their state regulators, he added.

"It's clear to me that we can't afford not to recycle," he said. "A little business sense brought into our operations goes a long way, and most importantly, protects the environment."

Air Force people receive new 'smart' ID cards

Active-duty Air Force people, selected Reserve, civilians and eligible defense contractors began receiving new and "smart" Department of Defense identification cards Nov. 6, officials said.

These common access cards, based on smart card technology, replace the standard military identification card and will be issued to more than 4 million DOD employees, said Essye Miller, chief of the Air Force Communications and Information's infrastructure branch at the Pentagon.

The new smart card, about the size of a credit card, contains an integrated circuit chip, linear bar code, two-dimensional bar code, magnetic stripe, color digital photograph and printed information.

"The CAC will be the principal access card used to enter buildings and controlled spaces," Miller said. "It will also be the primary DOD public key infrastructure authentication token for unclassified networks."

Simply put, the card enables cardholders to digitally sign e-mail, encrypt information, and establish secure Web sessions to access and update information via the Internet, she said.

"These provisions are intended to enhance individual privacy and information assurance in [DOD] as computerized systems replace paper-based systems," Miller said.

"The CAC will be issued using the existing infrastructure of the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and the Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System in our military personnel flights," she said.

There are a total of 17 Air Force installations – active duty, Guard and Reserve, with the capability to produce the CAC.

To date, the Air Force has issued more than 11,000 of the 70,000 new cards given to DOD employees.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Vehicle misuse prohibited

Compiled from staff reports

Vehicle misuse is when a government motor vehicle is being used for reasons other than government official business.

If you suspect or see a government vehicle being used for reasons other than government official business, call 298-5764 or 298-5763 to report the incident.

When reporting an incident, make sure to report the location and vehicle registration number.

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<http://www.af.mil/newspaper>

2002 Military Family Week essay, art contests open

The Armed Services YMCA is seeking entries from military children for its 2002 art contest and readers' essay contest.

Art Contest 2002 accepts artwork from children in kindergarten through sixth grade depicting their active-duty, Guard or Reserve military families. Top prizewinners will receive \$500 U.S. Savings Bonds, and their artwork will be printed on posters for worldwide distribution next year in observance of Military Family Week. Children of Department of Defense and Coast Guard civilians may enter in an honorary category. Entry deadline is Jan. 28.

The 2002 Armed Services YMCA Essay Contest highlights the joys of reading. Essays should be on any subject related to reading. In its sixth year, this contest is open to first- through 12th-graders and offers Savings Bond prizes of up to \$1,000. Children of active-duty, reserve and retired members of the uniformed services and of DOD, Coast Guard and American Mission civilian employees can enter. Entry deadline is March 18.

Color images of this year's winning poster and the top posters from each of the other services are accessible on the Web at www.asymca.org/art_posters_2001.htm.

Full contest guidelines are on the Armed Services YMCA Web site. For more information, send e-mail to essaycontest@asymca.org or MilitaryFamilyWeek@asymca.org; or by calling (703) 866-1260.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Air Force firefighters compete

Firefighters from Air Force bases worldwide recently participated in the 10th annual Firefighter Combat Challenge International Championship in Memphis, Tenn.

About 800 firefighters competed in what is billed as "the toughest two minutes in sports." Among the bases were Edwards and Travis Air Force bases in California; Little Rock AFB, Ark.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and the Department of Defense Fire Academy from Goodfellow AFB, Texas.

Four of the teams advanced to the finals of the relay event. The Travis team had the most success, joining the final eight, while Goodfellow advanced to the top 16. Ramstein and Edwards made it to the top 64.

The fastest Air Force member in an individual event was Staff Sgt. A. J. Eversley from Travis. He timed out at 1:38.67 seconds, 19 seconds short of a world record set during this year's competition.

A&E broadcasted a comprehensive feature on the firefighter challenge Sunday. Former Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback and current sports commentator Terry Bradshaw hosted the program.

ESPN covered the event and will broadcast it in December. Broadcast times are: Dec. 20, ESPN2; Dec. 23, ESPN2; and Dec. 30, ESPN. Check local listings for show times.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Vet clinic operating procedures change

Compiled from staff reports

The Laughlin Vet Clinic will continue to offer products such as Heartgard and Frontline for base pets. However, the implementation of a new operating procedure by the Army Veterinary Command has changed the way products can be dispensed to customers.

The new operating procedure requires pets be seen by a military veterinarian one year prior to establishing a veterinarian-client-patient relationship. This relationship must be maintained on an annual basis. Once this relationship has been established, the Laughlin Vet Clinic may dispense Heartgard, Frontline or other medication prescribed by the veterinarian.

If a military veterinarian has not examined your pet within the past year,

schedule an appointment to have your pet examined. There is no charge for the physical exam. However, appropriate charges apply for any vaccinations, tests, procedures, or prescriptions that your pet may require.

If your dog has received a heartworm test from a civilian veterinarian within the past two years, bring a copy of the test results to your appointment. Also, bring verification that your pet has consistently received a heartworm preventative if you purchase this preventative from a vet clinic other than the Laughlin Vet Clinic.

The next vet clinic is scheduled for Wednesday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 298-5500.

IG program promotes conflict resolution

By Lt. Col. Peter Godwin

47th Flying Training Wing inspector general

The Inspector General complaints program can provide help quickly and fairly when you need someone to answer a question or resolve a problem. It provides an avenue for both military and civilians to receive assistance concerning a problem with a military member or Air Force program.

However, before you ask for IG assistance, give your chain of command the opportunity to help you. Supervisors do take problems seriously and do want to help. They have a wealth of knowledge and can point you in the right direction.

Although you may feel your situation requires IG assistance, there are many complaints that are not IG related. These complaints are not IG issues primarily because existing Air Force regulations and instructions provide a specific means of appeal, which must be used before IG channels will handle your complaint. Examples include correction of military records (Air Force Instruction 36-2603); appeal of officer or enlisted evaluation reports (AFI 36-2401); support of dependents (AFI 36-2908); personnel/government recovery claims (AFI 51-502); punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (AFI 51-202) and civilian employment conditions (AFPD 36-12).

If you are a civilian employee and your complaint deals with discrimination or work environment, you must channel your complaint through the civilian personnel office.

If all else fails, or at any time you feel you're not being treated fairly, call the IG office at 298-5638, and make an appointment. Most of the time the IG can see you immediately or within a few hours.

Before your appointment, focus your complaint. Write down your problem in your own words. Ensure you support it with factual data – dates, documents and the names of others who can substantiate your allegation(s).

The IG will listen to your complaint, study the data and decide the best course of action. Depending on the severity of the problem, you may be referred to an agency on base qualified to assist you or you may be appointed an impartial inquiry officer who will conduct a full-scale investigation. If an inquiry is required, the IG will notify you in writing and provide you with a date when you should receive a response to your complaint.

The IG complaint system is a valuable tool used to ensure people are treated fairly. The IG will examine the facts and circumstances bearing on your allegation(s) and recommend actions to correct the root cause(s) of your complaint.

Retreat customs important

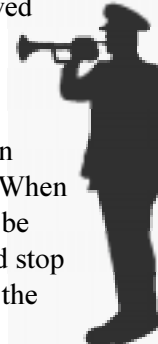
Compiled from staff reports

Retreat, reveille and taps will be played on base Mondays through Fridays except on holidays and days during the week when there is night flying.

Retreat ceremonies are conducted on base at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. When retreat sounds, certain courtesies should be rendered. People who are outside should stop what they are doing and face the flag or the direction of the music.

Military people in uniform should stand at parade rest during the sounding of retreat,

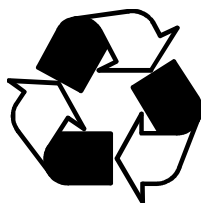
then come to attention and salute during the National Anthem.



Civilian and military people who are not in uniform should stand at attention during the playing of the National Anthem and place their right hand over their hearts. Men in civilian attire should remove headdress with the right hand and hold it over their heart.

People driving must stop their vehicle, and everyone in the vehicle, regardless of rank, should sit at attention and remain silent until the music ends.

Recycle.



Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday

- Mass, 9:30 a.m.
- Confession by appointment
- Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.
- Little Rock Scripture Study, 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Thursday
- Choir, 6 p.m.

Jewish

Max Stool, call 775-4519

Muslim

Dr. Mostafa Salama, call 768-9200

Nondenominational

Fridays

- Unity in Community Services, 7 p.m.

Protestant

Sunday

- Adult Sunday school, 9 - 10:30 a.m.
- General worship, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday
- Women's Bible Study, 12:30-2:15 p.m. at chapel
- Choir, 7 p.m. at chapel

For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.



Thinking about getting out? Think again!

Call Master Sgt. Jimmie Davis,
47th Flying Training Wing career assistance adviser,
at 298-5456 for guidance.

Holiday season can lead to blues

By Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Spencer
Randolph Air Force Base

The holiday season is for sharing and spending time with those people care most about.

This isn't always the case in the military. Military members are often separated from family and friends for various reasons. This can leave people with feelings of loneliness and despair.

The Air Force offers various support activities designed to promote a sense of belonging. These groups and activities can help alleviate those undesirable feelings of hopelessness.

There are single parent support groups, spiritual study groups, financial planning classes, marriage counseling, sports programs and others.

"Feeling good is not rocket science," said Master Sgt. Mark Marley, superintendent of the 12th Medical Group Life Skills Support Center. "It comes down to fundamentals. Taking care of yourself physically, mentally and spiritually. Getting involved in some type of activity that gives self-satisfaction in helping one's self or others is the main way to beat the holiday blues."

Marley suggests people find some way to relieve stress to ward off blues. Factors that contribute to the holiday blues tend to fall into three categories, according to the Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research Newsletter.

■ **Psychological:** Facing the holidays separated from a spouse. This may cause great feelings of

loneliness and sadness, especially if others are having a good time.

■ **Financial:** The financial burden of the holidays may make a person spend more than they can afford.

■ **Physical:** The frustration and strain of shopping in crowded malls, attending social gatherings and baking holiday goodies can cause tension and fatigue.

To combat the holiday blues, medical officials suggest people:

■ **Acknowledge feelings of loneliness.**

■ **Seek support from friends, a religious group or social services.**

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

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The *XLer*

Hometown: Honolulu, Hawaii
Family: Father, George; mother, Marina; brother, David; fiancé, Sean
Time at Laughlin: 2 years, 8 months
Time in service: 2 years, 11 months
Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: Move it closer to San Antonio
Greatest accomplishment: Having my family be proud of me
Hobbies: Cooking
Bad habit: Being too nice
Favorite film or book: To Kill a Mockingbird
Favorite band or musician: Jon B
If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why? My grandfather, because I never got a chance to meet him before he died.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Airman 1st Class Christian Risinger
84th Flying Training Squadron
aviation resource manager

Where are they now?

Name: Lt. Col. Curtis K. Viall
Class/date of graduation from Laughlin: Class 88-04, April 1988
Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: A/OA-10, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea
Mission of your current aircraft? Provide close air support and maintain stability on the Korean Peninsula
What do you like most about your current aircraft? Air-to-ground is the only mission. I have tested the Hog in combat and have faith it's going to bring me home.
What do you dislike most about your current aircraft? We're the Rodney Dangerfield of fighters – lack of respect.
What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly? There are great prices across the border.
What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? Great classmates. Many are still good friends that I keep in touch with today.
What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Study hard, work hard, but make it fun. If you're not having fun flying airplanes, go find another job!



(Courtesy photo)

Poor
health, lost
income,
jail,
discharge...
Ecstasy?
Maybe they
should
change the
name.

Sports and Health briefs

Football games televised

Club Amistad is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays featuring the Sunday National Football League ticket. Every NFL game is broadcast. Come see your favorite team play.

For more information, call 298-5374.

Golf tournament scheduled

The Laughlin Air Force Base Fall Classic Golf Tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 1 at the Leaning Pine Golf Course.

Tournament format is a four-man, best-ball scramble. Entry fee is \$25 per person and includes complementary breakfast, lunch and beverages. Green fees and cart are not included in the cost.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Proceeds from this event will go to support Operation Jingle and the Laughlin Air Force Base Top 3. Operation Jingle is a program run by first sergeants that provides money during the holiday season to enlisted people experiencing financial problems.

To register or for more information, contact Master Sgt. David Morrison at 298-6415 or Master Sgt. Timothy Adkins at 298-5244. Participants must register by Nov 28.